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	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr. Vukašinović
	Brazil	Mrs. Viotti
	China	Mr. Long Zhou
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	Lebanon	Mr. Salam
	Mexico	Mr. Puente
	Nigeria	Mrs. Ogwu
	Russian Federation	Mr. Churkin
	Turkey	Mr. Apakan
	Uganda	Mr. Rugunda
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Mark Lyall Grant
	United States of America	Ms. Anderson

Agenda

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1846 (2008) (S/2009/590)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Somalia, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the consideration of the item, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Duale (Somalia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2010/206, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by the Russian Federation.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, France, Gabon, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1918 (2010).

I shall now give the floor to those members of the Council who wish to make statements after the voting.

Mr. Churkin (Russian Federation) (*spoke in Russian*): I should like to express our gratitude to the members of the Council for their support of resolution 1918 (2010), which was submitted by the Russian Federation. We are grateful to our colleagues for the constructive approach and valuable ideas that made it possible to give momentum to this important anti-piracy initiative.

In our view, the resolution adopted today is of particular importance amid the growing threat posed by piracy off the coast of Somalia and in more distant regions of the Indian Ocean. Today, the Security Council has sent an important political message: that the international community is determined to combat impunity and intends to continue seeking additional mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness of the prosecution of those who carry out, plan and conduct acts of piracy.

Mr. Rugunda (Uganda): Uganda voted in favour of resolution 1918 (2010), on piracy in Somalia and welcomes its adoption by the Council. Piracy is an international problem that poses challenges to all countries. Therefore, combating piracy requires collective efforts and the contribution of all countries.

Uganda would like to emphasize that a more effective and comprehensive approach to combating piracy off the coast of Somalia would be to address its root causes, especially the instability in mainland Somalia. That will require greater support for the Transitional Federal Government and building the capacity of its institutions so that the Somali people can take full responsibility for their own country and their own destiny.

The President: The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.